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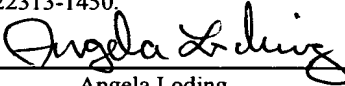


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the initial review of the patent application filed by George S. Creighton et al. entitled "**Boxcar with Load Restraint System**," filed February 19, 2004 Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments set forth below and request favorable action thereon.

Amendments to Specification on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.